the resources are proving themselves to be inadequate to the expenditure. The Principality is having amenities and a standard of administration on the same high level as the State in all directions without regard to limitations of resources with the inevitable result of recurring deficits year after year. It is difficult to devise a solution; it is however sure that the State will continue to help and nurture her as in the past.

CONCLUSION

Sir, I have done. Our financial position so far has been quite sound and stable in spite of the universal stress and strain. Holding fast to well recognised principles of public finance we have till now steered clear of the shoals and dangers of a storm-tossed sea; but in the distant horizon is visible some dark clouds foreboding that the post-war period may not be as peaceful a smooth-sailing as hitherto. The economic blizzard which blasted all countries during the period following the last war cannot but be fresh in our memory. Many of the sources of our present high revenues may, for obvious reasons, possibly shrink or disappear. On the other hand, the expenditure will have a tendency to stick to the present level. In addition we may have to find funds for public utilities and post-war reconstruction schemes for which the Revenue Reserve Fund we are building up may not be adequate enough even to touch the fringes of the problem. New measures of taxation and fresh sources of revenue and all possible economies may then have to be thought of.

We are however, fortunate in that we have a legislature on whom we can always depend for guidance and co-operation, a Minister possessing the confidence of the House on whose support we can always count and above all 'a Sovereign whose sole pre-occupation is the progressive welfare of his subjects and who is assisted by a statesman whose breadth of vision and capacity for service are universally recognised. There is nothing that the State could not achieve under such inspiring circumstances'.

SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS—*(cont.)*

76. Rs. 50,000 under "29—A—Civil Engineering—Irrigation Original"—*(cont.)*

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* Sir, on a point of information, may I know whether any amount out of the Rs. 22,580 shown against item No. 4 in the details has been recovered from the tenants who are really benefitted by the scheme?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The whole of this Rs. 50,000 is proposed to be got back.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* In the light of that answer, may I know whether similar recoupments were made in regard to the expenditure in the year 1118.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* For the year 1118 no recoupments were made. Government specially ordered that no equipments need be effected on account of the floods and other such circumstances. But this year it has been definitely ordered that this money should be recouped from the kole land owners.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether this amount has been expended already, or whether it is to be expended hereafter.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The payment of compensation has not been made.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* May I know the total area of land affected by this scheme, and also the land actually benefitted by this scheme.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The area which was used for the storage of water is 608 acres. Of this 318 acres have already been given back to the cultivators for cultivation, so that the net area which had to be left fallow this year is only about 300 acres.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* May I know the total number of tenants who were actually prejudiced by this scheme as also the number of tenants who were actually benefitted by this scheme.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The area benefitted by this scheme is about 12 thousand acres.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* I mean the number of tenants.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* About the number of tenants, I have no clear idea.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* What is the additional quantity of paddy expected from these lands?

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